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Message from the Mayor's Office

HAPPY 70th ANNIVERSARY TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS!



The Town of Forest Heights, also known as the Hidden Jewel of the Potomac, was incorporated 70 years ago, and is still going strong. Incorporating both urban convenience and small town charm, Forest Heights is a great place to grow your family, your business and your life. Forest Heights has beautiful, historic homes at affordable pricing and a lot of achievements to be proud of. So here's to celebrating 70 years of progress, with our striving to make the Town a leader in eco-friendliness. Here's to celebrating 70 years of generosity and community spirit. Here's to every one of you!

NO TRASH, RECYCLE OR YARD WASTE PICKUP MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018. TRASH AND RECYCLING ONLY PICKUP TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOTICE

THE ELECTION WILL BE FOR TOWN ELECTIONS FOR THE COUNCILPERSON IN WARDS, I, II & III

TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14^H, 2018

YOU COULD BE THE NEXT COUNCILMEMBER



TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS



We are excited and pleased to announce Mr. Linwood Robinson as the Town Administrator and Ms. Kathleen Via as the new Town Administrative Assistant. Mr. Robinson has more than 25 years of experience as a senior level Municipal Government Administrator and City Planning department management professional with extensive experience in

urban planning, zoning administration,

policy and program development and municipal management. Ms. Via graduated from Shepherd University with a degree in Political Science. She has also worked for the Maryland General Assembly. Both are excited to do their part for the community.

Help us to welcome them.





Neighborhood Watch

ATTENTION ALL FOREST HEIGHTS RESIDENTS

This is an invitation from "The Friends of Forest Heights"

Help us keep a lid on crime in our community in 2018. Become a part of the Neighborhood Watch. Meeting Third Wednesday of each Month

Next Meeting January 17, 2018 ***** 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Forest Heights Police Department Year Ending in 2017 Calls for Service

911 HANG UP	8	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT (Hit & Run)
ANIMAL BITE	1	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT
ASSIST CODE ENFORCEMENT	1	UNKNOWN TROUBLE
ASSIST MOTORIST	7	Total Calls Handled:
ASSIST OTHER UNIT (Incident)	14	
ASSIST OTHER UNIT (Traffic)	101	
ASSIST OUTSIDE AGENCY	117	
B&E (Residential)	6	
BURGLAR ALARM (Commercial)	3	
COURT	26	
DISORDERLY SUBJECT(s)	59	
DOMESTIC DISPUTE	31	
LANDLORD/TENANT DISPUTE	2	
NEIGHBOR DISPUTE	4	
OPEN DOOR	4	
POSSIBLE DUI DRIVER	2	
STOLEN AUTO (Recovered)	3	
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	48	



POLICE STATION 5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE

This Station is Open to the Public Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Town Hall Station 301-839-4040** (Emergency) 911 (Non-Emergency) (301) 352-1200

ORDINANCE NO. 05-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND AMENDING ARTICLE 3 (BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS AND CODES FOR LAND USE) OF THE ORDINANCE CODE OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, AMENDING THE REQUIREMENTS MANDATING BUILDING PERMITS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION AND PAYING CERTAIN FEES; AND EXPRESSLY PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN PENALTIES; AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN STYLISTIC OR GRAMMATICAL CHANGES; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION.

INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Theresa Brownson

ORDINANCE NO. 07-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND REVISING ARTICLE 7 (DOGS AND DANGEROUS ANIMALS) OF THE TOWN ORDINANCE CODE, BY CHANGING, AMENDING, RENAMING OR RE-ADOPTING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF SAID ARTICLE INCLUDING SECTION 7.1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS; MENACE OR NUISANCE ANIMAL) BY DEFINING A PUBLIC NUISANCE UNDER THIS SECTION AND BY INCLUDING ALL ANIMALS IN ADDITION TO DOGS, AND BY REQUIRING THAT ANIMALS BE CARED FOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH "THE PROPER ANIMAL CARE STANDARDS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF ANTI-CRUELTY LAWS" PROMULGATED BY PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, AND BY RESTATING THE CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR ABUSE, NEGLECT OR CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, AND BY REQUIRING DOGS AND CATS TO BE PROPERLY LICENSED, AND BY INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE INTO THIS ORDINANCE ALL PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7.2 (RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED) TO EXPAND SUCH RESTRICTUIONS TO INCLUDE ALL ANIMALS INCLUDING DOGS; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF ANIMALS WITHIN THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS.

INTRODUCED BY: Jonathon Kennedy II, Council President

YARD MAINTENANCE REMINDERS

Leaf accumulation on the ground will kill the grass you worked so hard to maintain all year. Furthermore, it will set up conditions leading to erosion, grading and drainage problems. Aside from leaf mold and other allergies, dry leaves are a fire hazard contributing to the rapid spread of fires, especially in a residential area. Leaves accumulating in gutters and downspouts can clog essential drainage which can result in wet basements and generally damping the holiday spirit. Be sure to prep your yard and equipment for cold snaps. Keep your hose inside and disconnected from its water source to avoid leakage. **No Yard Waste pickup Monday, January 1.**

Starting January 8, Christmas trees will be accepted as yard waste until February 1, 2018.

Trash/Recycle Collection is to be placed at the curb the night before Collection

PICK-UP DAYS BEGIN AT 6:30 a.m.

MONDAY-Recycle; Trash and Yard Waste

THURSDAY-Bulk (3 items or less)

NO PICKUP MONDAY JANUARY 1, 2018. Trash and Recycling pickup Tuesday, January 2, 2018

Call ahead for METAL PICK-UP

Metal placed on the curb will be picked up by Public Works for a minimum of \$35.00 paid in advance.

Propane Tank Pick-ups are \$30 each. Remember to use paper bags, not plastic.

Remember to Recycle!





MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOTICE

THE ELECTION WILL BE FOR

TOWN ELECTIONS FOR THE COUNCILPERSON IN WARDS, I, II & III TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14^H, 2018 YOUR POLLING PLACE

Forest Heights Municipal Building 5508 Arapahoe Drive Forest Heights, MD 20745

In accordance with Section 33-31 of the Forest Heights Town Charter persons may be nominated for elective office in the Town by filing a certificate of nomination together with a statement of the particular office to which he aspires, with the Town Clerk on or before the first Wednesday in February preceding the Town election. Such certificate shall state (1) the office for which the person is seeking, (2) the name and signature of the candidate, (3) the ward in which the person resides, (4) a statement the he meets the qualifications for the office as contained in this charter. No person shall file for nomination to more than one elective Town public office or hold more than one elective Town public office at any one time. The Town Board of Elections shall review each certificate of nomination and shall certify that the candidate meets the qualifications contained in this Charter. Any certificate of a candidate, that the Board's judgment does not meet the stated qualifications, shall be returned to the candidate with the reasons for the return stated thereon.

<u>Financial Disclosure Statements:</u> Statements must be filed with Certificate of Nomination to the Town Clerk by the deadline for nominations. No candidate will be qualified if the required statement is not filed.

Certificate of Nominations may be obtained from the Municipal Building.

<u>Qualifications:</u> Candidates shall have resided in the Wards of the Town they represent for at least one year immediately preceding their election, shall be qualified voters of the Town, and shall maintain a permanent residence in the Town during their term of office.

If you have recently moved into Forest Heights from somewhere else in Prince George County or moved from one Ward to another Ward you must provide the County Board of Elections Supervisor with your new address or if you have never registered to vote in Prince George County, a voter registration application must be submitted to your local board of elections or the State Board of Elections at any time. However, applications must be postmarked by January 23, 2018, to vote in the Town Election.

Registration applications may be obtained from the Municipal Building in Forest Heights. For any additional information regarding election registration, please contact the Town Clerk or the Prince George County Board of Elections at (301) 430-8020.

Absentee Voters may make an application in writing for an absentee ballot. The application must be received no later than 7 days before the election. The application shall contain an affidavit, which need not be under oath, but which shall set forth the information required. Please contact the Town Clerk of Forest Heights for additional information.

DEADLINE FOR CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 4:30 PM

ALL CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATIONS ARE TO BE FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK (ONLY)

Taking a phrase from President John F. Kennedy's inauguration speech "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what can you do for your country" and inserting the words 'Town of Forest Heights'. We must all participate in our town government, by serving as elected officials, participating in decision making, by serving on committees and boards, attending town meetings and most importantly by voting on Election Day. Let all of the citizens work together to make Forest Heights a Town we are proud to live in.

MAYOR/COUNCIL WORKSHOP & MAYOR/COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

- Workshops are held on the first (1st) Monday of the month.
- Council Legislative Meetings are held on the third (3rd) Wednesday of the month.

Meetings are open to the public. Call-in questions and comments are accepted during Business hours 8:30a.m.-5:00p.m. by emailing shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov.

Next Mayor/Council Work Session Tuesday January 2, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

FOREST HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CARDS NIGHT FIRST and THIRD FRIDAY of each month from 7:00 -11:00 p.m.

Town Hall 5508 Arapahoe Drive Forest Heights, MD 20745

> All are welcome. Come show your hand.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We hope that everyone has had a wonderful holiday season. This year, Forest Heights provided opportunities for gift giving and merriment. We were excited to host the December 2017 Senior Luncheon and 2017 Youth Holiday Party this year. We received a lot of positive feedback from residents and are happy to report on the success of the toy drive. Thank you to the citizens of Forest Heights for your amazing generosity. You have helped a lot of children and families in need to celebrate this time of year. We look forward to planning and hosting many more events to come. Anyone who wishes to pick up their 2017 Youth Holiday Party photos with Santa may stop by the Municipal Building from January 2-5, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Picture frame kits will be available with photos.













My Healthy

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Attention all Forest Heights Senior Citizens!



Registration for SAGE spring classes at Prince George's County Community College begins on Friday, January 12th 2018. Classes begin on February 12th. Please register at least 10 days before the class start date. Registration may be completed online at pgcc.edu through Owl Link, mail in, or in person at Bladen Hall on the PGCC Largo campus.

NLC and CVS Health are pleased to announce a new prescription card!

The NLC Prescription Program, a program, for NLC member cities, helps residents cope with the high cost of prescription medications at NO COST to the city. Now residents who are without health insurance, a traditional pharmacy benefit plan, or have prescriptions not covered by insurance can receive savings on their prescriptions. While the new discount cards still include city name and logo, residents can now use #MyHealthyHometown to share their discount story. Come pick up your card from the Town Hall.

Hello Forest Heights Residents. Thank you for participating in the Leaf pickup in November. This was a one time event from the Forest Heights Department of Public Works. Until further notice you must place your leaves in brown bags or a marked can for pickup for yard waste. From January 8 to February 1 Christmas trees will be accepted as yard waste.

Thank you and Happy New Year. No pickup January 1. Trash and Recycling ONLY Pickup January 2. Trash, Recycling and Yard Waste Pickup on January 8.



Mayor/Council Work Session Meeting,

Tuesday January 2, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor/Council Meeting, Wednesday January 17th, at 8:00 p.m.



ATTENTION FOREST HEIGHTS RESIDENTS

The Maryland Smoke Detector law is now MANDATORY requiring that all homes have a smoke alarm with a 10 year sealed battery by January 1, 2018. The 10 Year Smoke

Detector Battery is a 9V battery warranted to last 10 years.

Homeowners have until January 1, **2018** to comply with the new **law**. Any resident requiring information or assistance can call 3-1-1. For more information or to learn about the FREE Home Safety Program, visit: www.mcfrs.org/mcsafe. **Maryland** Updates. **Smoke Alarm Law**. Important Information.



We regret to inform you of the passing of Mrs. Sarah L. Worsley, on Sunday, December 3, 2017. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult and trying time.

Town of Forest Heights Mayor, Council and Staff.

Are you doing all you can with your Health? Seniors Exercise Classes Monday and Wednesday, Class Begins at 12:00 noon



January 2018

NO TRASH, YARD WASTE, RECYCLING PICKUP MONDAY JANUARY 1, 2018.

PICKUP ON THE NEXT DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, TRASH, RECYCLING ONLY. BULK TRASH PICKUP WILL BE ON SCHEDULE. PLEASE SEPARATE TRASH AND RECYCLABLES.

THIS IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS ORDINANCE.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NO TRASH PICKUP TOWN HALL CLOSED for New Years Day	2 MAYOR/COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING 7:30pm Trash and Recycling Pickup Only	3 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00pm	4 Bulk Trash 3 Items or Less Music and Gaming Festival, 1/4-1/7 Gaylord	5 Community Cards 7pm	6 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 Noon
7 Sunday Funday AMF Bowling 6pm	8 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00pm Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling	9	10 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00p.m. Dancing with the Stars 8-10 pm MGM National Harbor	11 Bulk Trash 3 Items or Less	12 Women's Voices: Rabbit Summer Play 3309 Bunker Hill Road, Mt. Rainier 8pm	13 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 Noon Missoula Children's Theater Presents: Cinderella, 11 am Harmony Hall, Ft. Washington
14 Smokey Robinson MGM Theater 8pm	15 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling TOWN HALL CLOSED for Martin Luther King Jr Day.	16 UMD Women's Basketball vs. Indiana Hoosiers 7pm Xfinity Center	17 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1pm MAYOR/COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 8:00p.m. Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7-8:00pm	18 Bulk Trash 3 Items or Less Opening of Ameri- cans Exhibit at Na- tional Museum of the American Indian. Free to the public.	19 Community Cards 7pm	20 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 Noon College Park run 9 am Paint Branch Trail, College Park
21 Rabbit Summer Play 3309 Bunker Hill Road 4pm	22 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00pm Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Markerspace Oxon Hill Library 4pm	23 Women's Voices: Rabbit Summer 3309 Bunker Hill Road, Mt Rainier 8pm	24 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00pm Macouche Balzac Trio 2-4pm Harmony Hall , Ft. Washington	25 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	26	27 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 Noon Oxon Hill TAB original play, 7pm Oxon Hill Library
28 UMD Men's Basketball 1pm	29 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00pm Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling	30	31 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00pm			

Local Forest Heights

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Town Community News (continued)

Prince George's County Government, Prince George's Community College, Prince George's County Public Schools, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Greater Prince George's County Business Roundtable, and Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce are proud to announce the 2018 launch of





www.pgcc.edu/go/youthatwork

Youth@Work/SYEP Job Readiness Training Program is a robust and exciting initiative, in collaboration with the Prince George's Country Summer Youth Enrichment Program (SYEP). Through the Youth@Work/SYEP Job readiness training program, participants ages 15–19* will have opportunities to obtain Job skills and prepare for employment opportunities.

REGISTER	PREPARE	TRAIN	ASSESS
Follow the "10 Simple Steps for Registering with	Attend Blackboard training. A link to sign-up for the training	Attend all face-to-face classes and complete	All first-year students

Owl Link" handout (see reverse side of this fiver) will be sent to your personal email, only after you have registered.

all assignments

receive certification

Registration opens December 1

Schedule Options (cohort based)	Stx Training Locations throughout Prince George's County	Blackboard Training / Parent Orientation @PGCC	Four [4] face-to-face course dates (students receive online assignments before and between these course dates)	Assessment Dates @ PGCC
Option A	Largo, Central & Crossland High Schools	January 13	January 20, February 3 and 17, March 3 (make up dates: 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/10)	March 10
Option B	Suitland, Northwestern, & Parkdale High Schools	January 20	January 27, February 10 and 24, March 10 (make up dates: 2/3, 2/17, 3/3, 3/24)	March 24
Option C	Largo, Central & Crossland High Schools	February 3	February 10 and 24, March 10 and 24, (make up dates: 2/17, 3/3, 3/17 on Bb,)	April 14
	Assessment Make-Up Dates			April 21 & 28

All face-to-face classes are from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. | Business attire is required at all times. Attending training does not guarantee employment.

CAREER PATHWAYS (2nd year students only) Location: Prince George's Community College Classes offered January 20-May 14, 2018. Call 301-546-1580 to confirm eligibility

Get more information or instructions for registering online www.pgcc.edu/go/youthatwork 301-546-1580 | youth-work@pgcc.edu

- · Convenient schedules and locations
- Most classes accessible by public transportation
- Participants must be 15 by July 1, 2018
- Make-up dates are for unscheduled closures only













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